

Employee Spotlight



It's time to step behind the scenes and become acquainted with another one of our all-important staff. Meet José Carrillo, Equestrian and Amenities Manager at Silver Saddle Ranch & Club.

If you have ever ridden a horse, practiced archery, or visited the petting zoo, you have probably already had the pleasure of making José's acquaintance. José is one of Silver Saddle's treasures. He has been a fixture at the Ranch for 15 years, showing up to care for his beloved horses six days a week. He's organized more trail rides than he can count.

José's calling is horses. He's loved horses since he was a child and he believes he's found the perfect job here at Silver Saddle. José is responsible for keeping 20 Silver Saddle horses, two ponies and eight member-owned horses fed and groomed, healthy and active.

"Horses need to be in contact with people. They love to be ridden. I make sure every one of them gets exercise. Just like people, they eat better and sleep better and stay in better shape when they get a good workout," José says.

"Some people who come to the Ranch have never ridden a horse. Maybe they are a little afraid. I like to help them learn how to approach the horse, how to mount properly...help them enjoy horseback riding."

José also enjoys giving pony rides to the children who visit Silver Saddle. Over the 15 years, he has watched many of them grow up. They come back to visit him.

"They come up to me and say, 'Hey, remember me?' I look, and now they have a mustache and a girlfriend. But I do remember all of them." José says happily. "I love the special functions, like when kids come from camp or school to go on a trail ride."

Life at Silver Saddle is truly a family environment for José Carrillo. You're likely to find one Carrillo or another just about anywhere on the Ranch. José, his father, Juan, and his three brothers—Juan, Mario and Manolo—all work at Silver Saddle. José says they've all found something special here. Collectively, they've spent over 50 years working at the Ranch.

"I'm happy here," José says. "I get to meet so many people. I know most of the members who come here. We are like family. My favorite thing is to make everybody else happy. It's easy to do that at Silver Saddle."